(e) what steps are being contemplated to expedite the clerance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Proposals for the following 4 power projects of Andhra Pradesh are being examined in the Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Date of receipt	Present Status
1	Rayal seema Thermal Power Station Extn. Stage-II (2x210 MW)	Sep' 90	Project will be taken up for clearance when coal linkage is established.
2	Manuguru Super Thermal Power Station (2x500 MW)	Dec.' 87	Due to large gap between demand & availability of coal from Singreni coal-fields Deptt. of Coal has intimated that new coal linkage from this coalfields would not be possible before 1999-2000. NTPC has informed that they are investigating alternative site based on availability of coal from Talcher Ib valley coalfield s.
3	Nagarjuna Sagar Tail Pond Dam HE Project (2x25 MW)	Jan' 92	The APSEB has been requested to furnish data on geology of dam, site, design of Civil works and updated cost estimates. The environmental and forest clearance by MOEF is awaited.
4	Lower Jurala H.E. Project (4x35· (4x36·9 MW)	Jan.' 92	The cost of generation works out to 253·3p Kwh which is considered very high. In view of high cost of genetration, the APSEB have been asked to review the scheme and suggest whether they would like to pursue the scheme for techno-economic clearance.

Priyadarshini Jurala Hydro Electric Scheme (3x36.9 MW) was approved by CEA on 18-3-92. Investment sanction would be given after clerance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest.

(c) Efforts are continuously made to expedite the clearance of the projects. Discussion are held with the Project Authorities and other concerned Departments/agencies to settle issues necessary for expeditious clearance of the projects. Assistance is also given in carrying out the requisite studies for finalisation of the project report for techno-economic clearance.

Task Force for power generation in India

4351. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are constituting a task force to examine the proposal of privatising the generation, supply and distribution of power in Delhi;

(b) if so, by when a task force would be constituted for the purpose;

(c) the names of the private firms that have shown interest for power supply in Delhi; and

(d) the extent to which the supply of power in the capital would be increased as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Task Force has been constituted.

(c) India Electricity Supply and Transmission Limited (Modi Group of Companies) have expressed interest for power supply in part of Delhi.

(d) the supply of power in Delhi would increase to the extent power projects are taken up for implementation.

Streamlining the working of SEBs

4352. SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have asked all the State Governments to take drastic measures to streamline the working of the State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines issued in this regard;

(c) whether on the basis of cost and efficiency, Government propose to ensure periodic rationalisation of the traffic structure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The State Governments have been impressed upon from time to time including in conferences of Power Ministers of States to improve the operation of the State Electricity Boards so as to achieve the statutory minimum surplus of 3 per cent and to take steps like equity participation, provision of subsidy to meet losses for supply of power to the agriculture sector, timely revision of tariff, improving performance of generating stations, reducing T and D losses, economy in fuel, review of manpower cost, improvement in revenue collection etc. States have also been urged for fixation of minimum agricultural tariff of 50 paise/kwh. Further, Chief Ministers of States have been recently impressed upon the need for taking effective measures for controlling the cost of generation and distribution, by efficient supply management, reductions in T and D losses by eliminating power theft, controlling the inventory etc. and to develop a "cost and efficiency-based tariff".

Pending power Projects of Private Sector

4353. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 24 proposals for power projects in private sector are pending, if so, the details thereof including the dates of submission of proposals, site of individual proposals and sponsors of the proposals;

(b) whether these proposals are for gas based, thermal based or hydro-based power stations;

(c) what is the cost of per megawatt for different kind of projects;

(d) what is going to be the cost of power per unit;

(e) how does the cost favour in private sector as compared to public sector; and

(f) whether power projects in private sector would utilise public sector transmission lines or lay their own infrastructure for transmission, etc.?